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Claim 47 currently reads:

47. In a medical device having a tubular outer body with an open end, a needle retraction body disposed opposite the open end, and a movable member slidable axially in the outer body, the improvement comprising a cap mounted to the outer body to close the open end and thereby initiate retraction of a needle into the tubular outer body by operation of the retraction body.

More specifically, Applicant would like to discuss the rejection of claims 32 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,385,551 to Shaw, and the Examiner's suggestion to add additional language to both claims.

Applicant would also like to discuss whether the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on April 13, 2004 will be considered and entered.

Respectfully submitted,


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Thank you for your time
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